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REQUEST FOR A CONTINUATION/DIVISIONAL APPLICATION OF PARENT APPLICATION  
SERIAL NO. 09/238,228 FILED JANUARY 27, 1999, Under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

Transmitted herewith for filing is a continuation/divisional patent  
application of:

Inventor: Keiji Hanawa

For: VEHICLE SURROUNDINGS MONITORING APPARATUS

[X] PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT. PLEASE AMEND THIS APPLICATION AS FOLLOWS:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH THIS FILING, PLEASE AMEND THE SPECIFICATION PAGE 1  
LINE 3 AFTER THE TITLE insert the following new paragraph:

RELATED APPLICATION This application is a continuation application  
of my co-pending application Ser. No. 09/238,228 filed January 27,  
1999, THE ENTIRE DISCLOSURE OF WHICH IS CONSIDERED AS BEING PART OF THE  
DISCLOSURE OF THIS CONTINUATION APPLICATION AND IS HEREBY INCORPORATED  
BY REFERENCE HEREIN IN ITS ENTIRETY.--

[X] ENCLOSED ARE:

[X] 28 pages of application: Abstract, specification, claims; copy of  
parent application's signed declaration with Power of Attorney (1  
page); and 13 soft 8.5"x 11" sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-20);

[X] An Assignment of this continuation/divisional application to Fuji  
Tsukogyo Kabushiki Kaisha was recorded on Reel/Frame 9743/0163 on  
January 27, 1999

[X] IDS and claim of benefit of 35 USC 120: IDS (1 PTO-1449 from parent  
application) - the references are not provided here under 37 CFR  
1.98(d) since they were filed in parent Ser. No.09/238,228 relied  
on for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120, THE BENEFIT OF 35  
USC 120 BEING HEREBY CLAIMED.

Claims as Filed

	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	BASIC FEE \$ 740.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	6 -20=	0	\$18	0
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	1 -3=	0	\$84	0
TOTAL FILING FEE			\$740.00	

[X] Check No.14278 in the amount of \$740. to cover the filing fee;

[X] CLAIM IS HEREBY MADE OF THE BENEFIT OF THE FILING DATE OF THE  
Japanese Patent Application: No. 10-18438 filed January 30, 1998  
UNDER 35 USC 119. (The priority document was filed in parent  
application 09/238,228 on January 27, 1999)

[X] The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees  
which may be due, or credit any excess to Account No. 06-0105

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